

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The examiner acknowledges the receipt of the Appeal Brief of July 17, 2009, Claims 7, 8, 27, 28 have been cancelled. Claims 1-6, 9-26, 29, 30 are pending.
2. In view of the argument filed in the Appeal Brief of July 17, 2009, the rejection of claims 1-6, 9-26, 29, 30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mancini et al. (US 4,056,496) in view of Mitra et al. (US 5,212,015) as evident in Goto et al. (US 3,845,164), and Williamson et al. (US 6,239,298), further in view of Rohm and Haas, product data sheet on Amberjet product (November 1998), is withdrawn.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Specification (page 17, line 3), insert "Descriptions of the Drawings".

### ***Allowances***

4. Claims 1-6, 9-26, 29, 30 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As of the date of this office action, the examiner has not located or identified any reference that can be used singularly or in combination with another reference including

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the closest prior art of Mancini et al. (US 4,056,496) and Mitra et al. (US 5,212,015) to render the present invention anticipated or obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. In view of the argument filed in the Appeal Brief of July 17, 2009, there is lack of motivation to combine the teachings of Mancini et al. (US 4,056,496) and Mitra et al. (US 5,212,015) to arrive to the invention being claimed.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William K. Cheung whose telephone number is (571) 272-1097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM; 4:00PM to 8:00PM.

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